Percentages of passes in the E. S. L. C. Examination.

16. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the percentage of passes for the last E. S. L. C. Examination in Travancore;

(*b*) in Cochin State; and

(*c*) in Madras?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 45·3 per cent.

(*b*) and (*c*) Information is not available.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know from the honourable member why the information has not been made available? Was it because there was not sufficient time to give the information?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: There was not sufficient time: the interpellation was received on the 16th July and reply had to be sent before the 25th July.

Sub-Registrars appointed by promotion.

17. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state the number of Sub-Registrars appointed by promotion from 1-1-1115 to 1-11-1117: and

(*b*) to place on the table a list of such appointments by caste?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*):

(*a*)

Permanent	15
Acting	15
Temporary	6

(*b*) The †list containing the information is laid on the table.

Cultivation of beedi leaves.

18. *Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have tried if beedi leaves could be successfully cultivated in Travancore;

(*b*) if so, where was it tried; and

(*c*) what are the results of such trials?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Shencotta and Southern Forest Divisions.

(*c*) Generally speaking, the growth is encouraging.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know from the honourable member whether it is a tree or a plant?

† *Vide* Appendix II. Page 139.

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Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar: It is a tree, Sir.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know in which climate it grows well?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar: It grows normally in a very dry climate, Hyderabad, for instance. But we have been able to grow it successfully in the regions mentioned.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether seeds or seedlings are available for people?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar: No, Sir.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know where we can get it from?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar: From Hyderabad.

Supplementary E. S. L. C. Pass list.

19. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the University of Travancore have received any resolution passed in public meetings or representation from any deputation to issue a supplementary list for the E. S. L. C. pass list in view of the low percentage of passes in the last E. S. L. C. Examination; and

(*b*) if so, what was their decision?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A supplementary list was not considered necessary.

Sub-Registrar's Offices at Noornad and Haripad.

20. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of documents registered in the Sub-Registrars' Offices at Noornad and Haripad in the year 1116?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup:

Noornad	4934
Kartikapalli (Haripad)	6426

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know from the honourable member whether, in view of the large number of documents that come up for registration in Kartikapalli Government have made any arrangement for the appointment of an additional sub-registrar?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: The question of the appointment of an additional sub-registrar was considered last year and again this year too; and it was decided that an additional clerk would suffice.

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